

What is claimed is:

1. A copying apparatus comprising:
 - an image input device that inputs an image signal
 - 5 read from an original;
 - an additional information reading device that reads additional information from the inputted image signal;
 - a search device that carries out a search for an original file corresponding to the original based on the read additional information;
 - 10 a copy output device that outputs a copy of the original using the original file found as a result of the search by said search device;
 - 15 a display device that displays the additional information;
 - an editing device that edits the displayed additional information; and
 - a controller that controls said search device to carry out the search for the original file using the edited additional information.
- 20 2. A copying apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said controller determines that editing of the additional information by said editing device is possible when the original file has not been found as a result of the search by said search device.
- 25 3. A copying apparatus as claimed in claim 1,

wherein said controller determines that the search for the original file by said search device is possible when editing of the additional information read from the inputted image signal is completed.

5 4. A copying apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the copying apparatus is connected to at least one information processing apparatus via a network or a communication line, and wherein said search device searches the at least one information processing 10 apparatus for the original file.

5. A copying apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the additional information comprises electronic watermark information embedded in the original.

15 6. A copying apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the additional information comprises barcode information printed on the original.

7. A method of controlling a copying apparatus, comprising the steps of:

20 inputting an image signal read from an original; reading additional information from the inputted image signal;

 carrying out a search for an original file corresponding to the original based on the read additional information;

25 outputting a copy of the original using the original file found as a result of the search in said searching step;

displaying the additional information;
editing the displayed additional information; and
controlling the search for the original file to be
carried out using the edited additional information in
5 said searching step.

8. A method as claimed in claim 7, wherein it is
determined in said controlling step that editing of the
additional information in said editing step is possible
when the original file has not been found as a result
10 of the search in said searching step.

9. A method as claimed in claim 7, wherein it is
determined in said controlling step that the search for
the original file in said searching step is possible
when editing of the additional information read from
15 the inputted image signal is completed.

10. A method as claimed in claim 7, wherein the
copying apparatus is connected at least one information
processing apparatus via a network or a communication
line, and wherein in said searching step the at least
20 one information processing apparatus is searched for
the original file.

11. A method as claimed in claim 7, wherein the
additional information comprises electronic watermark
information embedded in the original.

25 12. A method as claimed in claim 7, wherein the
additional information comprises barcode information
printed on the original.

13. A computer-readable program for causing a computer to execute a method of controlling a copying apparatus, comprising:

- an image input module for inputting an image signal read from an original;
- an additional information reading module for reading additional information from the inputted image signal;
- a search module for carrying out a search for an original file corresponding to the original based on the read additional information;
- a copy output module for outputting a copy of the original using the original file found as a result of the search by said search module;
- 15 a display module for displaying the additional information;
- an editing module for editing the displayed additional information; and
- 20 a control module for controlling the search for the original file to be carried out using the edited additional information by said search module.